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SUMMARY: NATO POLADS HAVE HELD INITIAL EXCHANGE ON MODALITIES FOR FUTURE CBMS INVITATIONS TO OBSERVE ALLIED MANEUVERS. BLEOW, WE GIVE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AND REQUEST GUIDANCE FOR JANUARY 6 POLADS MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. AT THEIR TWO MOST RECENT MEETINGS, ON DECEMBER 2 AND 16, POLADS HAD INITIAL EXCHANGE ON FUTURE CBMS MODALITIES FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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INVITING OBSERVERS TO ALLIED MILITARY EXERCISES. INITIATIVE CAME DECEMBER 2 FROM DUTCH WHO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT FUTURE ALLIED INVITATIONS TO CMBS OBSERVERS WOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO MILITARY ATTACHES STATIONED AT CAPITAL OF HOST

NATION, AND SUGGESTED THAT LLIES HOLD FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR.

2. IN DECEMBER 2 MEETING, US REP JOINED OTHERS IN SUPPORT OF DUTCH INITIATIVE TO RENEW CBMS CONSULTATIONS AND MENTIONED PRELIMINARY US VIEW THAT SOVIET MILITARY LIAISON MISSION, MLM) PERSONNEL SHOULD NOT BE INVITED OR ADMITTED AS CSCE OBSERVERS BECAUS E OF POSSIBLE IMPACT THAT EXPANSION OF MLM ROLE MIGHT HAVE ON ALL GERMAN MATTERS (REF B).

3. AT DECEMBER 16 DISCUSSION, FULL COMMITTEE AGREED TO RESUME FORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON CBMS MODALITIES ON JANUARY 6. IN JOINING THIS CONSENSUS, FRG REP (CITRON) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES AGREED WITH US ON INADVISABILITY OF INVITING SOVIET MLM PERSONNEL TO OBSERVE MANEUVERS ON FRG TERRITORY. CITRON CONTINUED THAT BONN PREFERS THAT INVITATIONS TO FUTURE MANEUVERS HELD ON FRG TERRITORY BE HANDLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS FOR "CERTAIN TREK", IE, INVITATIONS TO CSCE EMBASSIES IN BONN TO SEND OBSERVERS FROM THEIR OWN STAFFS. AS REGARDS ALLIED EXERCISES HELD IN OTHER COUNTIRES, FRG REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WERE FLEXIBLE AND FAVORED PRAGMATIC SOLUTIONS.

4. UK REP (MARGETSON) SAID THAT, WHILE HIS AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT YET FULLY DEVELOPED THEIR THINKING ON MODALITIES FOR FUTURE INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS, THEY BELIEVE ONE ISSUE TO BE ADDRESSED WILL BE HOW BEST TO ASSURE PROTECTION OF ALLIED OBSERVERS WHO MIGHT IN FUTURE BE INVITED TO WARSAW PACT EXERCISES.

5. AT SAME DECEMBER 16 MEETING, US REP REPORTED ON ROMANIAN OFFICIALS EXPLANATION (REF A) THAT HIS COUNTRY HAD NOT ACCEPTED FRG INVITATION TO " CERTAIN TREK" BECAUSE IT SPECIFIED WHOM INVITED STATE MIGHT SEND, A PREROGATIVE OF THE INVITED STATE " UNDER CSCE PROVISIONS", ACCORDING TO THE ROMANAIAN. UK CANADIAN AND TURKISH REPS EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM OVER ROMANIAN EXPLANATION, POINTING OUT THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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CSCE FINAL ACT DOES NOT CONFER ANY PREROGATIVES ON INVITED STATE WITH REGARD TO SELECTION OF OBSERVERS. TURKISH REP FURTHER NOTED THAT INVITATIONS TO RECENT SWISS MANEUVER, WHICH ROMANIANS HAD ATTENDED, HAD SPECIFIED INVITEES AS MILITARY ATTACHES ACCREDITED TO BERN.

6. IN SUBSEQUENT CORRIDOR CONVERSATION, WE ASKED CITRON WHETHER BONN WAS FIRMLY OPPOSED TO OPENING UP OPTIONS AS TO WHOM INVITEE STATE MIGHT SEND, PROVIDED MLM ISSUE COULD BE CIRVUMVENTED. CITRON REPLIED HE DID NOT KNOW AND WOULD CHECK WITH HIS AUTHORITIES.

7. COMMENT: IN OUR VIEW, INITIAL DISCUSSION HERE HAS BEEN

USEFUL IN PREPARING FOR MORE DETAILED EXAMINATION EARLY IN NEW YEAR.. ON SPECIFIC ISSUE OF MLM PERSONNEL, WE BELIEVE US SHOULD SUPPORT A SOLUTION WHICH EXCLUDES MLMS, BUT WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE FORTHCOMING RATHER THAN RESTRICTIVE, AND WHICH WOULD GIVE INVITEE STATE WIDER LATITUDE AS TO WHOM THEY MIGHT SEND TO OBSERVE. WE SHOULD GENERALLY STRIVE FOR REASONABLY UNIFORM ALLIED PRACTICES REGARDING INVITATIONS.

8. BRITISH HAVE RAISED A VALID CONSIDERATION, IN OUR OPINION, IN REFERRING TO NEED TO PROTECT POSSIBLE FUTURE ALLIED OBSERVERS AT WP MANEUVERS. OBSERVERS FROM ALLIED EMBASSIES IN WP CAPITALS WOULD, OF COURSE, ENJOY DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY. OTHER PROVISIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROTECT ALLIED OBSERVERS SENT FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY WHICH IS HOST TO THE MANEUVER. THUS ALLIES MIGHT WISH TO ESTABLISH A PRECEDENT THEMSELVES FOR PROVIDING DIPLOMATIC PROTECTION FOR OBSERVERS COMING FROM ABROAD.

9. A POSSIBLE SOLUTION WHICH MIGHT PROTECT ALLIED INTERESTS AND YET BE UNIFORM ENOUGH TO DISCOURAGE SOVIET WHIPSAWING MIGHT BE AS FOLLOWS: ALLIES INVITATIONS TO MANEUVERS MIGHT BE EXTENDED TO OBSERVERS EITHER RESIDENT ON STAFFS OF EMBASSIES IN THE COUNTRY HOSTING THE EXERCISE OR COMING FROM THE INVITED STATES CAPITAL (THE INVITED STATE COULD CHOOSE). WITH A VIEW TO ENCOURAGING POSSIBLE FUTURE WP COUNTRY RECIPROCITY, THE ALLIES MIGHT GIVE ASSURANCES THAT OBSERVERS COMING FROM CAPITALS WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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GRANTED TEMPORARY DIPLOMATIC STATUS DURING THEIR OBSERVER ROLE. FURTHERMORE, IF ALLIES DEEM IT DESIREABLE, INVITATIONS MIGHT BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE MILITARY ATTACHES ACCREDITED TO, BUT NOT RESIDENT IN, THE COUNTRY HOSTING THE EXERCISE, AND, ADDITIONALLY, MILITARY ATTACHES ACCREDITED TO OTHER ALLIES NATIONS WHOSE TROOPS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE EXERCISE.

10. WHILE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF MLM ISSUE WOULD APPROPRIATELY TAKE PLACE IN BONN, NATO POLADS SHOULD, WE BELIEVE, CONTINUE TO BE FORUM FOR BROADER ALLIED COORDINATION ON CBMS IMPLEMENTATION, INCLUDING INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS.

11. ACTION REQUEST: GUIDUANCE, IF POSSIBLE, IN TIME FOR JANUARY 6 POLADS MEETING. BRUCE

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